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### R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

### THE CLAIMS

Claim 21 has been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the single event is performed with the input device used to specify the range, and claim 21 has also been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby a beginning position of the input pointer on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end position of the input pointer on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same. For example, the single event may be a single click, double click or triple click, as supported by the disclosure in paragraph [0014] of the publication of the present application, whereby the position of the input pointer at the beginning and the end of the single event (i.e., the single click, double click or triple click) is the same.

In addition, claims 30, 37 and 39 have been amended in a similar manner to claim 21 to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby a beginning position of the displayed component of the specifying means on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end position of the displayed component on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same.

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Still further, new claim 40 has been prepared depending from claim 21 to recite the features of the present invention whereby the transfer destination is an edit window to edit the transferred data, and whereby the data transfer method further comprises transferring the edited data to a retrieve server when an instruction for transferring is received.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 21, 30, 37 and 39 and the addition of new claim 40 be approved and entered.

#### THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 21-24, 29-33 and 39 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Microsoft Windows NT ("Windows NT"); claims 25 and 34 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Windows NT, USP 5,276,795 ("Hoeber et al") and USP 6,583,797 ("Roth"); claims 26 and 35 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Windows NT and Microsoft Word 2000 ("MS Word"); claims 27 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Windows NT and USP 5,781,192 ("Kodimer"); and claim 28 and 37 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Windows NT and "Google Groups" ("Tim"). These rejections, however, are all

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respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

The Examiner contends that the features of Windows NT whereby a target is highlighted, selected by clicking in the highlighted region, and transferred by a drag-and-drop operation to a new location corresponds to: specifying a range, performing a single event, judging a coordinates-position of an input pointer (displayed component of the specifying means), and transferring selected data as recited in independent claims 21, 30, 37 and 39.

It is respectfully pointed out, however, that according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 21, the input device including the input pointer is used to specify a range and to perform a single event, and a beginning position of the input pointer on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end position of the input pointer on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same. And similarly, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 30, 37 and 39, the specifying means is used to specify a range and perform a single event, and a beginning position of the displayed component of the specifying means on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end position of the displayed component on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same.

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That is, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 21, 30, 37 and 39, the input pointer of the input device (or specifying means), which is used to specify the range of the target object and to perform the single event, begins and ends the single event in the same position.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the drag-and-drop operation of Windows NT clearly does not correspond to the single event of the claimed present invention as recited in amended independent claims 21, 30, 37 and 39, because the drag-and-drop operation of Windows NT clearly cannot be performed if the mouse begins and ends the operation in the same location, since in Windows, folders are not moved if they are selected and released without being dragged to a new location.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that none of the other cited references disclose, teach or suggest the single event of the claimed present invention, whereby the input pointer of the input device (or specifying means), which is used to specify the range of the target object and to perform the single event, begins and ends the single event in the same position.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 21, 30, 37 and 39, and claims 22-28, 31-36 and 40 respectively depending from claims 21 and 30, all clearly patentably distinguishes over Windows NT, taken singly or

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in combination with any of the other cited references, under 35  
USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the  
passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or  
recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the  
undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt  
action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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